

<b>DISPATCH</b>		CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET SECRET</b>	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. <b>EASA-5117</b>
TO INFO	Chief of Station, Vienna Attention: Chief, EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. <b>6-124-27/3</b>
FROM	Chief of Base, Salzburg	DATE <b>27 January 1961</b>	
SUBJECT	<b>ORCROUND/OPERATIONAL</b> <b>ORCROUND Progress Report from 1 May 1960 to 31 December 1960</b>	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED	<b>Trans on Individual Mentioned in Paragraph 7b of Att A; also see Paragraph 4 below.</b>	INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE(S) A. EASA-5320 dated 5 May 1960 B. EAVL-13423 dated 10 September 1959			
<p>1. Forwarded herewith are progress reports covering the period 1 May 1960 to 31 December 1960. The two remaining ORCROUND agents, ORICE and ORIVING, are handled by Vienna and are reported on there.</p> <p>2. Two caches were replaced during the reporting period, both for ORIVING. Separate cache reports were forwarded to Headquarters by this base. We intend to put down caches for three agents, ORREPAIR/15, ORBLAND/31, and ORREPAIR/17, during the summer of 1961.</p> <p>3. We have received complete training kits for most of our W/T agents and are in the process of distributing these. All of these kits contain the new medium-speed sending device, BT-8, which will more than double the sending speed of the agents. Since receiving the new device, however, we have been informed that several of these devices have not functioned too well. It is being distributed with a warning that it is to be used with discretion and is not to be looked upon as a substitute for good sending ability.</p> <p>4. An item of interest pertaining to the terminated ORLAUNCH agents has arisen. As you remember, these agents were actually terminated in our eyes but the termination was presented to them as a deactivation for various reasons (See EASA-5282 dated 26 January for a full discussion). In our dispatch to headquarters we added the statement that these agents might also prove useful in a wartime emergency, since they were fully trained and competent. In answer to this, headquarters has presented us with an either/or proposal: If there is any possibility whatsoever that the ORLAUNCHERS will be used in a future war we should change the outdated signal plan they now have; if there is no possibility of a future contact, no new signal plan should be issued and no attempt will be made to monitor their assigned frequencies. Since there is always a possibility that any asset might be used during wartime we are requesting that a signal plan be set aside for these agents, to be issued at our discretion sometime in the future.</p>			
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Attachments: <i>1, checked for 6-124-27/10</i>			
A. ORREPAIR Sub-Project h/w B. ORBLAND, ORIMPASTE, and ORAIDMENT Sub-Projects h/w			
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ORHLAND SUB-PROJECT

1. ORHLAND/26 6-124-27/11

This agent was terminated by                      on 10 June 1960. A full termination report was forwarded under EASA-5347 dated 13 July 1960.

2. ORHLAND/31

a. This agent was met twice during the reporting period. Since the termination of ORHLAND/26, who was to act as ORHLAND/31's principal agent, ORHLAND/31 is to be considered as a singleton radio operator. We are no longer required to maintain assets in the area where ORHLAND/31 lives and was to operate, but we also have instructions (See Paragraph 3A of Reference B) to keep all radio operators and furnish them with annual refresher training. It is within the context of these latter instructions that we continue to see ORHLAND/31.

b. During August 1960 agent attended a two-week training session in Frankfurt. He completed his W/T training at this time. At the end of the two weeks he was given a sort of final exam, a three-day field trip to Southern Bavaria in which he had to maintain contact with the base station under realistic conditions.                      and agent's trainer, attended the exercise. ORHLAND/31 performed very well and is now fully trained. We planned to put down two radio sets for agent but this had to be postponed until a new signal plan is prepared; these caches will be emplaced during the spring or summer of 1961. ORHLAND/31 is deactivated and will be recontacted once a year for refresher training.

ORHPASTE SUB-PROJECT

1. ORHPASTE 6-124-27/6

a. ORHPASTE is a fully trained and mounted radio operator and is our only asset in UW Area 2, a category IIC area. We originally intended to link ORHPASTE with ORHLAND/26 by a system of deaddrops and cold contact instructions; in fact the beginning of such a system was discussed with ORHPASTE. We have not seen ORHPASTE since ORHLAND/26's termination but he will be told of this change in plans at his next training session.

b. ORHPASTE was given a deactivation bonus and at his request we gave him part of this money in gold to be cached for his use in wartime. He promised to turn in a caching report to show where it is buried. He has also requested a pistol and barter items cache but no decision has yet been made on this. At our last meeting ORHPASTE was given ORER/8 as a long-term accommodation address.

GRAVIMETRY SUB-PROJECT

1. GRAVIMETRY/1 6-124-27/12

This agent started in the GECROCHD program but after a series of security incidents, mostly of his own making, it was decided that he be terminated. Again during the winter and spring of 1959/60 he was used for a short while as a support asset but this contact was also terminated. GRAVIMETRY/1 has not been seen since May 1960.

2. GRAVIMETRY/4

a. The training of this agent is now complete. He has received the required amount of tradecraft training and is a competent radio operator. During July he had a week of refresher training in Frankfurt and took part with                      and                      in a field training exercise. He is deactivated and will be recontacted once a year for refresher training.

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<p>b. At our next meeting we plan to set up a system of communications between GRAVENHORN/4 and GORPAIN/6, both of whom will serve as our assets in UN Area 4, a category III area. This action is being taken due to the difficulty in getting GORPAIN/18 to training (See above). If and when the latter becomes a competent operator, other arrangements will be made.</p>		
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GREPAIR SUB-PROJECT

1. GREPAIR/3

This agent was terminated during the last reporting period but we continue to monitor his activities and report on them due to the special security considerations of his case. He knows practically every one of the odd-numbered GREPAIRs (except GREPAIR/17) and hence poses a security threat to these agents. We have arranged to have him evacuate himself in the event of hostilities and have set up contact arrangements between him and GREPAIR/7, /9, and /15 are aware that GREPAIR/3 has been phased out of the operation and continue to give a running report on the latter's personal situation and activities, a short resume of which follows. Agent was rather shaken up by his termination because he had grown accustomed to receiving our supplement to his regular salary. He immediately contacted all the other agents known to him and asked them if their situation was the same as his, i.e., that they also were terminated. At our instruction they replied that they were. GREPAIR/3 expressed to all of them his disbelief that he finally had been terminated after twelve years of working for the Americans. For a couple of weeks thereafter he drank quite heavily and we received several reports that he was looking for another job, one that paid more money. He finally found one to his liking and has settled down to make it pay. His new job is such that he does not come into contact with our agents as much as before, for which fact these agents are grateful. They still see him occasionally and mention that he is doing fine but that the frequency of their contact with him is decreasing. We shall continue to ask about him and keep a general check on his activities.

2. GREPAIR/7

a. This agent was met only two times during the reporting period, due mainly to the frequency of contact with the other (RECOGN) agents who were being deactivated. GREPAIR/7 is the principal agent of Unconventional Warfare Area Number 5, a Category IC area in which we are required to maintain active assets in peacetime, as contrasted with the Category IIIC areas in which our assets can be deactivated during peacetime. He continues to act as GREPAIR/17's principal agent and is our primary means of communication with the latter.

b. GREPAIR/7 continues to monitor and report on the activities of Karl PIRKER, a suspected communist, and on Wilhelm F. HAABDT, PIRKER's alleged communist contact. Both men have been traced twice with negative results. Agent is on speaking terms with PIRKER and has had several conversations with him, mostly of a social nature but some of which have had political overtones. Agent has been cautioned against underestimating PIRKER, who agent characterizes as a rather obvious and transparent provincial fellow-traveler. GREPAIR/7 assures that he wants only to monitor PIRKER's activities and become acquainted on a social basis, since he feels that such an acquaintance would be to his advantage if the Soviets ever did take over.

c. Agent has selected and is in the process of documenting another LZ/DZ about ten miles west of his home. This will be the third that agent has prepared, all within ready access of his home, yet in different directions from it. As a former pilot he is completely aware of the requirements for an LZ/DZ and has selected several very good ones.

d. Recently the HKTOPAZ office asked us to obtain an Austrian Reisepass for them. told GREPAIR/7 that we would like to borrow his pass with an eye to perhaps providing him with an alternate identity for use in an emergency. He readily gave us his and said we could keep it as long as necessary. We plan to return it in February 1961 and tell GREPAIR/7 that it will probably take a while before we can tell if this fictional alternate identity can be made.

3. GREPAIR/9

a. This agent was deactivated in the course of two meetings. As noted in Reference A, GREPAIR/9 requested that we meet GREPAIR/19, set up a contact plan with the latter, and pay him part of GREPAIR/9's deactivation bonus. Since we had the necessary clearances we decided to go ahead with this. GREPAIR/19, who seemed to be a sincere and cooperative individual. GREPAIR/19 said that he would help us in any activity against the Soviets but that it was his understanding that he would never be asked to engage in any activity against his own country. We agreed and set up cold contact instructions whereby one of our men could get in contact with GREPAIR/19 if some-

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thing happened to GRRPAIR/9. We outlined briefly what would be expected of him in wartime and gave him part of GRRPAIR/9's bonus money. He thanked case officer and left and GRRPAIR/9 alone.

b. At a previous contact we asked GRRPAIR/9 to select and document a deaddrop so that we could put him in contact with a radio operator (GRRPAIR/15) in the event of war. Agent selected the drop but delivered a description of it in oral form, absolutely refusing to write a report on it (one of agent's frequent but less appealing idiosyncrasies). The deaddrop was actually well chosen and would be easy to find. It will be given to GRRPAIR/15 when the latter is fully trained; he in turn will select one to use as a channel to GRRPAIR/9.

c. GRRPAIR/9's refusal to write reports becomes annoying after a time, especially when he repeatedly asks for little favors such as procuring something in Munich and passing it to him. He seems to do this to make himself feel important and in control of the situation rather than from any personal gain that might accrue to himself, since the items in themselves have been insignificant. It is recommended that such requests be refused in the future.

4. GRRPAIR/15

a. Agent's training progressed slowly during the reporting period. Agent's training officer in Frankfurt feels that GRRPAIR/15 has reached a plateau in his training and that for him to advance beyond this point will require an extra special effort on agent's part. While he is capable of this effort, GRRPAIR/15 has been preoccupied lately with family problems. The older of his two sons died recently of diphtheria, following by about six months a serious gall bladder operation which agent himself had. Both of these events had, of course, an effect on his training progress. GRRPAIR/15 speculated that after Christmas and all its attendant memories of their lost son, he and his wife should be over the hump and he would like to settle down to some hard work. He is scheduled to go to Frankfurt for another training session in January. While in Frankfurt he will allow us to photograph and examine his Reisepass and pocket litter in connection with the request mentioned above in Paragraph 2d.

b. When GRRPAIR/15's training is completed he will be given contact instructions to get in touch with GRRPAIR/9 in wartime. These two agents represent our assets in UW Area Number 6.

c. GRRPAIR/15 received a raise in salary to AS 500 per month. A raise of this nature is more or less automatic in line with our policy of starting W/T agents at a minimum salary and then giving them periodic increases when they reach a certain stage of training.

5. GRRPAIR/17

a. This agent was not met during the reporting period, most of our business being taken care of through his principal agent GRRPAIR/7. After an exceptionally good showing during a training session in April 1960 for which agent received an incentive award, we tried to follow up relatively quickly with more training. This failed because agent had a serious accident: he tore up a knee and several ligaments jumping from his tractor. This happened in August 1960 and he is still on crutches and receives regular care from the doctor. He has been in and out of several casts and probably will not be available for training until the spring of 1961. GRRPAIR/7 told that GRRPAIR/17 has practiced steadily and should be completely trained as far as code speed is concerned by his next training period. This is an unfortunate accident but given agent's ability and perseverance should not affect too seriously the scheduled completion of his training since all that remains is his on-the-air and procedural training.

b. GRRPAIR/17 at his last training session made a remark which caused us some concern. This pertained to his desire to meet the "other" radio operator and have a few drinks with him. GRRPAIR/15 was being trained across town at this time and we felt that perhaps the compartmentation between the two had somehow broken down. GRRPAIR/7 assures us that this remark was generated solely by GRRPAIR/17's naive and desire to have a bit of socializing with one of the boys. This he determined by elicitation from GRRPAIR/17.

6. GRRPAIR/4

This agent is handled by [ ] and is being directed into the KUTUBE field where he promises to be much more valuable to us. His connection to the GRRROUND project is minimal at this time. His new cryptonym is GRRSON.

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<p>7. <u>GRREPAIR/6</u></p> <p>a. GRREPAIR/6 and /18 were turned over to [ ] on 4 May 1960. GRREPAIR/6 continues to act as GRREPAIR/18's principal agent and as the nucleus leader for W Area Number 4, a Category IIIC area. He has been informed that upon the completion of GRREPAIR/18's W/T training both agents will be deactivated. Although he seemed to take this news with equanimity he later reported this to GRSNOW, who was slightly concerned about his "boys" being dropped (See below for a fuller discussion of this problem).</p> <p>b. GRREPAIR/6 reported an incident which bears on the security of the operation. While socializing one night with a group of his acquaintances GRREPAIR/6 took to baiting a</p> <p>Pins *EDELMAIER, DPOB ca. 1900 in Graz, a former Kriminalbeamt and Communist referent for the Gestapo, spent two years in jail after the war and even then was not cleared by the general amnesty, presently Kontrolorgan der Handelskammer in Linz, Austria.</p> <p>Neither of the men were drunk but GRREPAIR/6 really began to get under EDELMAIER's skin. The latter suddenly became enraged and said in a "voice dripping with venom" (agent's sideline is writing books): "The lists of those who will be arrested when the Communists take over are already written up--and I have my connections from before." After the party agent began wondering whether this statement was generated solely by the conversation or whether EDELMAIER had somehow found out about GRREPAIR/6's connection with the Americans. Hence he reported the incident. [ ] cautioned him against making any personal enemies which might jeopardize his position in a wartime situation and pointed out that security problems alone are difficult enough to cope with without having any personal vendettas to contend with. He promised to use more discretion in the future. (Note: Traces on Pins EDELMAIER are requested.)</p> <p>8. <u>GRREPAIR/16</u></p> <p>GRREPAIR/6 reported that GRREPAIR/16 has taken up permanent residence in West Germany, presumably Southern Bavaria, and therefore is of no further interest to our organization. He stated that he has spoken to GRREPAIR/16 and has received the latter's promise to keep secret all he has learned during his association with us. We shall prepare a short notice of termination for Vienna and headquarters.</p> <p>9. <u>GRREPAIR/18</u></p> <p>a. Agent attended a five-day training session in Frankfurt during this period. Although this is the second training trip he has made, the first was so long ago (in 1958) that the training instructor had to begin all over. Agent received an overall evaluation of "good."</p> <p>b. One of the recurring problems with this individual is getting him to go to training. He has been drawing salary for over two years and has attended training only twice. If this operation were to be judged strictly on the basis of agent's past performance or the likelihood that he will become a trained radio operator in the foreseeable future, it would be [ ]'s judgment that he should be terminated. There is one factor, however, which militates against such a solution. GRREPAIR/18 was spotted by GRSNOW but the former is unaware of GRSNOW's connection with us. GRSNOW takes a paternal interest in GRREPAIR/18 and has followed his career with us very carefully, although evidently not carefully enough to be concerned about our difficulties in getting him to training. It is felt here that GRSNOW's potential value to us in the KUTUBE field far outweighs the loss of the money and time that is being spent on GRREPAIR/18, hence no termination. We do plan, however, to put a little pressure on GRSNOW to get his subordinates a little more active.</p>		
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